

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No.

BA-2793

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Fastie House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 220 Green Spring Valley Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Owings Mills ☒ vicinity of Councilmanic District 3
congressional district 2

state Maryland county Baltimore Co.

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William G. Fastie

street & number 220 Green Spring Valley Road telephone no.: 410-363-0297

city, town Owings Mills state and zip code MD 21117

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courts Building liber 4018

street & number 401 Bosley Avenue folio 229

city, town Towson state MD 21204

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title No previous study.

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Fastie House is a wide, Gambrel Roofed, two-story, frame house with wood siding and shake roofing, very rustic in appearance. almost new looking. Yet it was converted from a stable in 1964 by architect Hurst Purnell. There are well established trees and appropriate plantings. A small rear wing houses a John Deere mower. Inside, the house is a good example of pure, undecorated International Style with flat wall surfaces. The west end living room, the former tack-room of racing stable times, features a fireplace set in an unframed opening. Over the fireplace opening is a copper sculpture that is formed of metal flakes or leaves; the fireplace is flanked by two paintings in abstract style by Shelby Shackelford. The stairway to the second floor consists of free-standing wood treads supported in the center of each step by a series of brackets set in a steel beam. The stairs seem to hang or float, an idea suggested by the garden designer and carried out by the architect.

Well west of the house is a vertical board-and-batten barn without any upper story. This was the Baetjer family's barn at one time; it is painted a dark brown and is in good condition, used to store a large yawl. The other frame barn is smaller, deteriorating, and due for demolition.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect	Hurst Purnell
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D		
and/or		
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G		
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local		

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Fastie House is a converted stable from the Chattolane Hotel complex and probably looked too new to list in the Green Spring Valley National Register Historic District study of 1980. The Chattolane Hotel was designed by William F. Weber in 1889 (American, August 23, 1889). The new hotel replaced the Green Spring Valley Inn of ca. 1832, which had burned in 1860. The name of the new development was sheer invention, supposedly an Iriquois word alien to Maryland that translated into "Rock Water." (Baltimore County Democrat, December 28, 1889). William L. Storck was the most prominent investor.

From the beginning the development of the hotel included a plan for a cluster of summer cottages, as many as thirty (Catonsville Argus, August 24, 1889). The 1898 edition of Bromley's county atlas showed the hotel in place but not yet surrounded by cottages (Plate 14). By the time of the 1915 edition of Bromley's atlas, the frame dwellings had come into existence. One house on the north side of Green Spring Valley Road was accompanied by a rectangular symbol with an "x" inside, signifying that it was a barn or stable (Plate 14). There was room upstairs in this stable for the live-in jockeys. The cluster of houses was located within the 90-degree bend in Green Spring Valley Road and just south of Moale's Lane. The hotel turned out to have a fairly short useful life, being outmoded as soon as the private automobile made it easy to travel greater distances. The hotel closed in 1913 and was demolished in 1923.

The Fastie House was built as the stable of another cottage about 1910 by John Thomas, tenant of the adjoining cottage. Thomas was interested in thoroughbred horses and the west end of the stable on the west end was the tack room.

In 1947, Osborne Beall, a car dealer, bought the nearby house. In 1962, William G. and Frances H. Fastie bought much of the property at the right-hand bend the road (Deeds 4018:229). In 1964, the Fasties engaged architect Hurst Purnell to convert the stable into a residence, rustic and traditional on the outside,

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International Style on the inside. Nearby neighbor Bruce Baetjer designed the landscaping. Gradually the Fasties sold the adjacent house and some lots, retaining the present 3.6-acre parcel with its two small barns, and a large vegetable garden. One barn is in good condition, the other deteriorated. The best barn houses a 23-foot yawl in its open area and also has a separate tack room on the west end. This was the Baetjer family's barn at one time.

Mr. Fastie is a retired member of the Johns Hopkins physics department and worked there until late last year when he attained age 80. A pioneer in space research, Mr. Fastie was involved in the engineering of the Hubble space telescope. His achievements are to be marked by the award of an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters in upcoming events at the university. Mrs. Fastie died in 1975. Mr. Fastie has granted an easement on the grounds to the Land Preservation Trust.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No.

No previous study.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3.6

Quadrangle name Cockeysville

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Tax Map 67, Grid 12, Parcel P192.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	None	code	county	code
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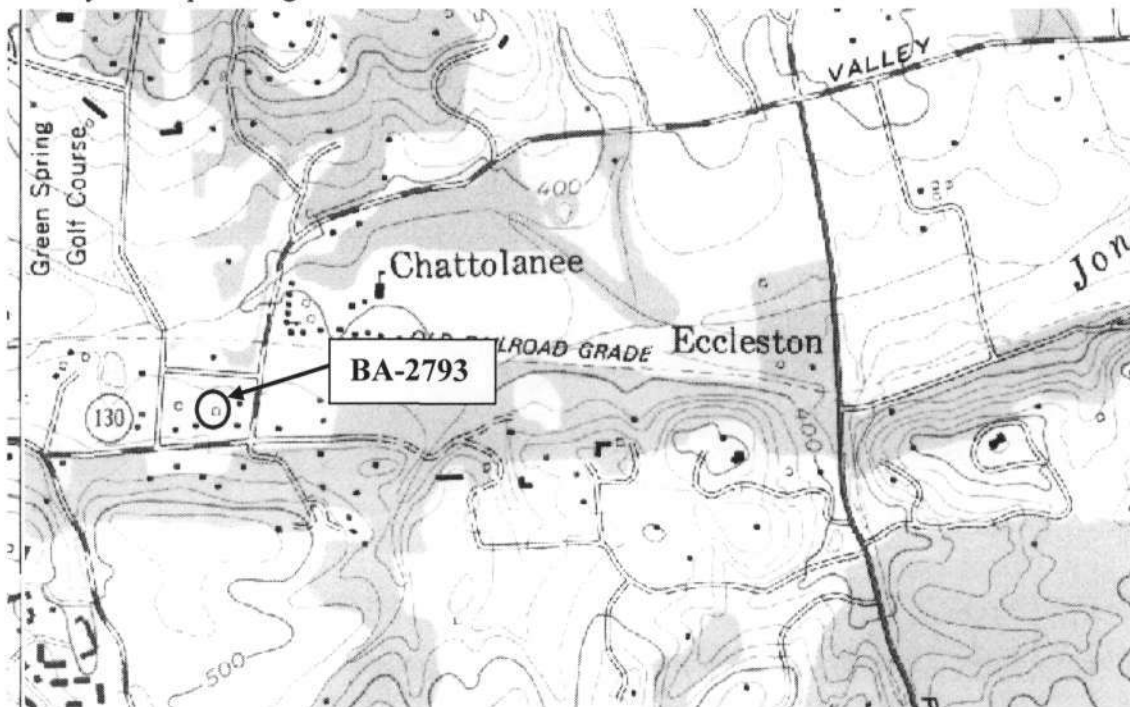
state MD 21204

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Fastie House

11 Moales Lane (formerly 220 Greenspring Valley Road), Owings Mills

Cockeysville quadrangle



Google Earth image, c. 2007

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